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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VOA CORRESPONDENT MILLER

REFS: (A) NEW DELHI 10766; (B) NEW DELHI 10768; (C) STATE
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JOINT STATE/USIA MESSAGE

WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S COMMENT (REFTEL B) THAT QUESTION
IS NOT REALLY WHETHER MILLER HAS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT BUT
WHETHER AS USG EMPLOYEE OF VOA HE WILL FOLLOW GOI CENSOR-
SHIP RULES. PREVIOUS GUIDANCE INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL
SCENARIO (REFTEL C) REMAINS IN EFFECT. STATE/USIA CON-
TINUE TO WANT TO AVOID OFFICIAL CONFRONTATION WITH GOI
ON THIS ISSUE. IF HOWEVER SITUATION IN AMBASSADOR'S
JUDGMENT BECOMES UNTENABLE, WE WOULD RATHER WITHDRAW HIM
THAN HAVE HIM EXPELLED/PNG'D, BUT ONUS FOR ANY SUCH MOVE
SHOULD CLEARLY BE MADE TO REST ON GOI. KISSINGER
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